bridge at Lucknow (Northern Railway), additional foot-over-bridge at Kanpur, new station building at Mau, additional platform at Tundla and second entry with booking-cum-reservation office at Lucknow Charbagh have been approved. Works of lesser value will also be taken up wherever so warranted, subject to overall availability of funds and relative priorities of various railway stations. The date of completion of these works will depend upon the overall availability of funds in the coming years.

Catering/Vending Licences on Railway Platforms

8093. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines framed for awarding catering/vending licence and allotment of Railway stalls at the Railway platform, etc. in the Railways;

(b) the number of applications received for the above purpose for the Western Railway, particularly from Gujarat;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the number and details of new catering and vending licences issued during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Allotment of stalls is done by the Zonal Railways by inviting applications from the professional/reputed caterers. Applications received are screened by a Screening Committee and contract awarded to the most suitable candidate on merits, after approval from competent authority.

(b) Nil

(c) Does not arise.

(d) State-wise data is not maintained.

रेलवे होटलों की स्थापना

8094. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश में निम्न आय वर्ग के लोगों के लिये रेलवे होटलों की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कितने होटल स्थापित किये जाने का विचार है ;

(ग) तत्संबंधी राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) उड़ीसा में इस प्रयोजन के लिये चयन किये गये स्थानों/स्टेशनों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ) : (क) से (घ) परियोजना वैचारिक स्तर पर है।

Increase in the Platforms at Vijayawada Railway Station

8095. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of platforms at Vijaywada Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is congestion at Vijayawada Junction; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to ease this congestion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.